

Council on Aging Minutes
Board Meeting June 8, 2005

In Attendance:

Chairman Paul Keegan, Vice-Chairman Helene Tanenholtz, Board members Al Crommett, Lillian Goodman, Helen McLaughlin, Tim Swiss and Secretary John Concordia. Director Sharon Yager was also present.

Chairman's Comments:

Paul opened the meeting at 10am. The minutes of the May 11th meeting were reviewed and accepted by the board. Paul reminded the board that there would be no meeting in July. He provided information from the town manager relative to town policy governing political activity at the center. Lillian suggested that Sharon draw up a draft of changes to the COA Policies & Procedures to cover the subject for the board to review later.

Director's Comments:

Sharon reported on an upcoming SHINE session regarding the new Medicare prescription drug program which becomes effective in January 2006. The State has made some funding available for the regional SHINE director to disseminate information broadly. On Friday June 10th the director will be here along with Bob Dwyer, CMAA to describe the many options and to answer questions.

Liaison Reports:

Friends of the SCC, Inc.: Helene reported that the Friends meeting was held on June 7th, their annual year end luncheon will be held at Indian Meadows on June 21st, that the "May Madness" calendar project raised nearly \$900. Helene also reported that Home Depot will cover the repair of damaged blinds under the warranty provision.

CMAA and Shrews. Comm. Part./Children:—no reports.

ESW, Inc./Outreach: Walter submitted details of his activity for the month of May in a written report available at the office.

Old Business:

Lillian and Helene, representing the Health Committee, presented an update on Health Fair plans during the town's Fall Festival—hoping the weather is good for outdoor activities.

New Business:

Paul reported on actions in process by a task force considering prospective options for seniors looking for property tax relief. He is attending monthly meetings on the subject. Hélène suggested that we might put together an information package for seniors with a description of current programs in effect.

Director's Report: Sharon reported that a MOU had been signed with the Shrewsbury Housing Authority for the operation of our 3rd town owned van and another MOU is in process with the Age Center in Worcester to allow this van to cover Adult Day Care Center needs in the area. She is also discussing with DMR possible evening and weekend use of this van. Sharon reported some progress in work on the survey results—she plans to mail information to the board in July for discussion at the August meeting. She noted that the COA had logged in a record setting number of telephone calls in March—1,182!

Board Elections: The board carried out its election of officers for the coming year extending the terms of the current slate.

Other:

Lillian requested updated telephone and email numbers for board members.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.

Respectfully submitted,
John Concordia, Secretary